

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously presented) The cover assembly of claim 3 wherein the insert piece defines a connector aperture.
3. (Previously presented) A cover assembly for covering an open end of an outlet box, the outlet box having a strap, the assembly comprising:
  - an insert piece having a middle member and two retention members, the retention members extending from opposed sides of the middle member, the retention members having a front surface recessed from a front surface of the middle member; and
  - a cover plate having a front side and a back side, the cover plate defining a fastener hole, the cover plate defining a plate aperture, wherein the middle member of the insert piece may be received in the plate aperture from the back side of the cover plate so that a back side of the cover plate abuts the front surface of the retention members of the insert piece, wherein the insert piece includes a tab on a back side of the middle member, and wherein the strap defines a tab slot which receives the tab of the insert piece.
4. (Previously presented) The cover assembly of claim 3 wherein a front side of the middle member of the insert piece includes at least one designation figure.
5. (Currently amended) The cover assembly of claim 3 wherein the insert piece is a first insert piece and wherein the assembly further comprises a second insert piece having a middle member and two retention members, the retention members extending from opposed sides of the middle member, the retention members of the second insert piece each having a front surface, wherein the second insert piece may be received by the plate aperture from the back side of the cover plate so that the plate aperture ~~received~~ receives the middle member of the second insert

piece and the back side of the cover plate abuts the front surface of the retention members of the second insert piece.

6. (Previously presented) A cover assembly for covering an open end of an outlet box, the assembly comprising:

a strap having a front surface and a back surface, the strap defining at least one mounting aperture for receiving a cable connector, wherein the strap is adapted to engage a releasable tab of the cable connector, the strap having a first side and a second side;

an insert piece having a middle member and two retention members, the retention members extending from opposed sides of the middle member, the retention members each having a front surface;

a cover plate having a front side and a back side, the cover plate defining a fastener hole, the cover plate defining a plate aperture,

wherein the insert piece may be received by the plate aperture from the back side of the cover plate so that the middle member is received in the plate aperture and the back side of the cover plate abuts the front surfaces of the retention members of the insert piece; and

wherein the cover plate may be coupled to the strap so that the middle member of the insert piece overlaps at least a portion of the mounting aperture of the strap.

7. (Original) The cover assembly of claim 6 wherein the sides of the strap each define a recessed shelf which receive the retention members of the insert piece so that the retention members of the insert piece are retained between the cover plate and the recessed shelf of the strap.

8. (Original) The cover assembly of claim 7 wherein the insert piece defines a connector aperture.

9. (Original) The cover assembly of claim 8 further comprising a cable connector module housing a cable connector, the connector module received in the mounting aperture of the strap, the connector of the connector module received by the connector aperture of the insert piece.

10. (Original) The cover assembly of claim 6 wherein the insert piece includes a tab on a back side of the middle member, and wherein the strap defines a tab slot which receives the tab of the insert piece.

11. (Original) The cover assembly of claim 6 wherein a front side of the middle member of the insert piece includes at least one designation figure.

12. (Currently amended) The cover assembly of claim 6 wherein the insert piece is a first insert piece and wherein the assembly further comprises a second insert piece having a middle member and two retention members, the retention members extending from opposed sides of the middle member, the retention members of the second insert piece each having a front surface, wherein the second insert piece may be received by the plate aperture from the back side of the cover plate so that the plate aperture ~~received~~ receives the middle member of the second insert piece and the back side of the cover plate abuts the front surface of the retention members of the second insert piece.

13. (Previously presented) An outlet box assembly comprising:

a telecommunications outlet box;

a strap having a front surface and a back surface, the strap defining at least one mounting aperture for receiving a cable connector, wherein the strap is adapted to engage a releasable tab of the cable connector, the strap having a first side and a second side, the strap being coupled to the open end of the outlet box;

an insert piece having a middle member and two retention members, the retention members extending from opposed sides of the middle member, the retention members defining two side shoulders each having a front surface;

a cover plate having a front side and a back side, the cover plate defining a fastener hole, the cover plate defining a plate aperture defined by an aperture edge,

wherein the insert piece is received by the plate aperture from the back side of the cover plate so that the aperture edge of the plate aperture abuts the front surfaces of the side shoulders of the insert piece;

wherein the cover plate is coupled to the outlet box so that the strap is between the outlet box and the cover plate and so that the middle member of the insert piece overlaps at least a portion of the mounting aperture of the strap.

14. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 13 further comprising a connector module received by the mounting aperture of the strap.

15. (Original) The assembly of claim 13 wherein the sides of the strap each define a recessed shelf which receive the retention members of the insert piece so that the retention members of the insert piece are retained between the cover plate and the recessed shelf of the strap.

16. (Original) The assembly of claim 15 wherein the insert piece defines a connector aperture.

17. (Original) The assembly of claim 16 further comprising a cable connector module housing a cable connector, the connector module received in the mounting aperture of the strap, the connector of the connector module received by the connector aperture of the insert piece.

18. (Original) The assembly of claim 13 wherein the insert piece includes a tab on a back side of the middle member, and wherein the strap defines a tab slot which receives the tab of the insert piece.

19. (Original) The assembly of claim 13 wherein a front side of the middle member of the insert piece includes designation figures.

20. (Currently amended) The assembly of claim 13 wherein the insert piece is a first insert piece and wherein the assembly further comprises a second insert piece having a middle member and two retention members, the retention members extending from opposed sides of the middle member, the retention members of the second insert piece each having a front surface, wherein the second insert piece may be received by the plate aperture from the back side of the cover plate so that the plate aperture ~~received~~ receives the middle member of the second insert piece and the back side of the cover plate abuts the front surface of the retention members of the second insert piece.

21. (Previously presented) A one piece insert for an outlet box cover assembly, the insert comprising:

a middle member, the middle member having a front surface, and a rear surface;

a tab extending from the rear surface of the middle member in a direction perpendicular to the rear surface of the insert; and

two retention members extending from opposed sides of the middle member, the retention members each having a front surface, the front surface of the retention members being recessed from the front surface of the middle member.

22. (Previously presented) The insert of claim 21 wherein the front surface of the middle member includes designation figures.

23. (Previously presented) The insert of claim 21 further comprising a second tab extending from the rear surface of the middle member in a direction perpendicular to the rear surface of the insert.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Canceled)

26. (Original) A strap for an outlet box cover assembly, the strap comprising:

a strap body, the strap body having a front surface, a back surface, a first side and a second side;

wherein the strap body defines at least one mounting aperture for receiving a cable connector;

wherein the first and second sides of the strap body each define a recessed shelf;

wherein the strap body defines a fastener hole for receiving a fastener to couple the strap to a telecommunications outlet box; and

wherein the strap body defines a tab slot for receiving a tab of an insert piece.

27. (Original) The strap of claim 26 wherein the strap body defines two corresponding tab slots for each mounting aperture, the tab slots being on opposed sides of the corresponding mounting aperture and wherein the strap defines a pair of opposed recessed shelves for each mounting aperture.

28. (Previously presented) An outlet box assembly comprising:  
an outlet box having an open end;  
a cover plate having a front side and a back side, the cover plate defining a plate aperture,  
the cover plate coupled to the open end of the outlet box;  
a cable connector including a flexible push tab coupled to the outlet box, and wherein the  
cable connector is positioned to be accessible through the plate aperture of the cover plate;  
an insert piece having a front member and a retention member extending from a side of  
the front member, the insert piece being positioned between the back side of the cover plate and  
the connector so that the connector cannot be removed from the outlet box without first  
removing the cover plate from the outlet box.
29. (Original) The assembly of claim 28 wherein the front member of the insert piece defines a  
connector aperture for accessing the connector through the insert piece.
30. (Previously presented) An outlet assembly comprising:  
an outlet box assembly having an open end;  
a cover plate having a front side and a back side, the cover plate defining a plate aperture,  
the cover plate coupled to the open end of the outlet box assembly;  
a cable connector module positioned at the open end of the outlet box assembly, wherein  
the cable connector module includes a cable connector positioned to be accessible through the  
plate aperture of the cover plate;  
a flexible mounting tab on the cable connector module including a ramped lip for snap  
mounting the cable connector module to the outlet box assembly;  
means held by the cover plate for preventing the removal of the cable connector module  
from the outlet box assembly without first removing the means.
31. (Previously presented) A cover assembly for covering an open end of an outlet box, the  
assembly comprising:  
a strap having a front surface and a back surface, the strap defining at least one mounting  
aperture for receiving a cable connector, the strap having a first side and a second side;

an insert piece having a middle member and two retention members, the retention members extending from opposed sides of the middle member, the retention members each having a front surface;

a cover plate having a front side and a back side, the cover plate defining a fastener hole, the cover plate defining a plate aperture,

wherein the insert piece may be received by the plate aperture from the back side of the cover plate so that the middle member is received in the plate aperture and the back side of the cover plate abuts the front surfaces of the retention members of the insert piece;

wherein the cover plate may be coupled to the strap so that the middle member of the insert piece overlaps at least a portion of the mounting aperture of the strap; and

wherein the sides of the strap each define a recessed shelf which receive the retention members of the insert piece so that the retention members of the insert piece are retained between the cover plate and the recessed shelf of the strap.

32. (Previously presented) The cover assembly of claim 31 wherein the insert piece defines a connector aperture.

33. (Previously presented) The cover assembly of claim 32 further comprising a cable connector module housing a cable connector, the connector module received in the mounting aperture of the strap, the connector of the connector module received by the connector aperture of the insert piece.

34. (Previously presented) A cover assembly for covering an open end of an outlet box, the assembly comprising:

a strap having a front surface and a back surface, the strap defining at least one mounting aperture for receiving a cable connector, the strap having a first side and a second side;

an insert piece having a middle member and two retention members, the retention members extending from opposed sides of the middle member, the retention members each having a front surface;

a cover plate having a front side and a back side, the cover plate defining a fastener hole, the cover plate defining a plate aperture,

wherein the insert piece may be received by the plate aperture from the back side of the cover plate so that the middle member is received in the plate aperture and the back side of the cover plate abuts the front surfaces of the retention members of the insert piece;

wherein the cover plate may be coupled to the strap so that the middle member of the insert piece overlaps at least a portion of the mounting aperture of the strap;

wherein the insert piece includes a tab on a back side of the middle member; and

wherein the strap defines a tab slot which receives the tab of the insert piece.

35. (Previously presented) An outlet box assembly comprising:

a telecommunications outlet box;

a strap having a front surface and a back surface, the strap defining at least one mounting aperture for receiving a cable connector, the strap having a first side and a second side, the strap being coupled to the open end of the outlet box;

an insert piece having a middle member and two retention members, the retention members extending from opposed sides of the middle member, the retention members defining two side shoulders each having a front surface;

a cover plate having a front side and a back side, the cover plate defining a fastener hole, the cover plate defining a plate aperture defined by an aperture edge,

wherein the insert piece is received by the plate aperture from the back side of the cover plate so that the aperture edge of the plate aperture abuts the front surfaces of the side shoulders of the insert piece;

wherein the cover plate is coupled to the outlet box so that the strap is between the outlet box and the cover plate and so that the middle member of the insert piece overlaps at least a portion of the mounting aperture of the strap; and

wherein the sides of the strap each define a recessed shelf which receive the retention members of the insert piece so that the retention members of the insert piece are retained between the cover plate and the recessed shelf of the strap.

36. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 35 wherein the insert piece defines a connector aperture.



37. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 36 further comprising a cable connector module housing a cable connector, the connector module received in the mounting aperture of the strap, the connector of the connector module received by the connector aperture of the insert piece.

38. (Previously presented) An outlet box assembly comprising:

- a telecommunications outlet box;

- a strap having a front surface and a back surface, the strap defining at least one mounting aperture for receiving a cable connector, the strap having a first side and a second side, the strap being coupled to the open end of the outlet box;

- an insert piece having a middle member and two retention members, the retention members extending from opposed sides of the middle member, the retention members defining two side shoulders each having a front surface;

- a cover plate having a front side and a back side, the cover plate defining a fastener hole, the cover plate defining a plate aperture defined by an aperture edge,

- wherein the insert piece is received by the plate aperture from the back side of the cover plate so that the aperture edge of the plate aperture abuts the front surfaces of the side shoulders of the insert piece;

- wherein the cover plate is coupled to the outlet box so that the strap is between the outlet box and the cover plate and so that the middle member of the insert piece overlaps at least a portion of the mounting aperture of the strap;

- wherein the insert piece includes a tab on a back side of the middle member; and wherein the strap defines a tab slot which receives the tab of the insert piece.